

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of forming a sealing strip having a strip length and a strip width, comprising:

providing a undulating strand of wire having a circular cross-sectional shape, that traverses back and forth across the width of said strip in a plurality of adjacent passes to form a plurality of uniformly spaced interconnected reinforcement clips each having a longitudinally running center line, a first leg, a bend and second leg, wherein said second leg of each pass also forms said first leg of the clip formed in the next pass, said adjacent passes of wire having V-shaped voids located therebetween, said interconnected reinforcement clips extending the strip length with the first and second legs of each clips forming a straight line inwardly tapered V-shaped junction at each bend with each V-shaped junction being in space apart relation to a V-shaped junction adjacent thereto; the undulating strand of wire being asymmetrical about the longitudinally running center line;

adhering with an adhesive at least one longitudinal carrier member substantially transversely to said adjacent passes of wire without knitting thereby maintaining said spacing of said reinforcement clips; said at least one carrier member running along said strip length;

filling the V-shaped voids with a filler material; and

adhering a plurality of masking layers, in spaced apart relation to one another, onto the strand of wire; and

extruding disposing a cover layer and a sealing element about the clips, the at least one carrier member, the masking layers and the filler material.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
bending said sealing strip into a U-shaped profile having two legs.
5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 4, further comprising:
connecting said sealing element to one of said two legs of said U-shaped profile.
6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said step of attaching at least one longitudinal carrier further comprises the step of:
attaching a plurality of longitudinal carriers of the same longitudinal carrier material.
7. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said step of attaching at least one longitudinal carrier further comprises the step of:
attaching a plurality of longitudinal carriers of different longitudinal carrier materials.
8. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one longitudinal carrier member is made of a material is selected from the group consisting of: elastomeric rubber, thermoplastic, high durometer rubber, fiberglass strand, laminated rubber, woven laminate, non-woven laminate, knitted laminate and combinations thereof.
9. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first and second legs of said clips are substantially parallel along the entire strip length.
10. (canceled)
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13. (canceled)
14. (canceled)
15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 45 1, the wherein the at least one mask layer is selected from the group consisting of: elastomeric rubber, thermoplastic, high durometer rubber, fiberglass strand, laminated rubber, woven laminate, non-woven laminate and knitted laminate and combinations thereof.
17. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
adhering the at least one mask layer to the ~~at least one exposed portion of the~~
strand of wire along the entire length of the laminate strip.
18. (currently amended) The method of Claim 45 1, wherein the at least one mask layer is two separate layers spaced apart from one another and respectively adhered to ~~two exposed portions of the~~ strand of wire.
19. (currently amended) The method of Claim 45 1, wherein the at least one mask layer is three separate layers spaced from one another and respectively adhered to ~~three exposed portions of the~~ strand of wire.
20. (canceled)